

BREDON & BREDON'S NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Bredon Parish Council Annual Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on **Monday 14th October 2024 at 7:00pm.**

Present: Councillors: Mr Nick Bradley (Chairman), Ms Karen Brooks, Mr Matt Darby, Mr Colin Davidson, Mr Kevin Falvey, Ms Katy Hall, Mr Andrew Rhodes, Mr Declan Shiels and Mr Rob Sly.

In Attendance: Mr Tim Drew (Clerk), Cllr Mr Adrian Hardman, Ms Heather Johnson and Mr Peter Whitehead.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Mr Brod Whiting.

2. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr Bradley declared an ODI for 5 b) i, as the applicant.

Cllr Sly declared an ODI for 5 c) and has an existing dispensation for the South Worcestershire Development Plan Review specific to the strategic allocation at Mitton.

3. To consider the Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 9th September 2024.

These minutes were **agreed**.

4. Finances:

a) Invoices to be paid:

Village Hall

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| Jo Lomasney | Balance of Wages – September 2024 | £139.06 |
| RPK Maintenance | Extra Works to Gents & Disabled Toilets | £231.10 |

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| Timothy Drew | Balance of Wages – September 2024 | £182.50 |
| WHC Hire Services | Hire of Plant & Equipment for Glebe Field (NN) | £454.88 |
| British Flora Ltd | Wildflower Seed Mix for Glebe Field NN) | £169.80 |
| Kemerton Conserv'n Trust | Playing Field Rental (01/10/24 to 30/09/25) | £425.00 |
| Kohler Mira Ltd | Changing Room Inspection & Service Contract | £2754.26 |
| Elan City Ltd | Mounting Bar for Damaged Radar Sign | £46.84 |
| Kompan Ltd | Replacement Spring & Components for Ladybird | £152.46 |
| David Gray | Lengthsman – September 2024 – Highways | £396.00 |
| David Gray | Lengthsman – September 2024 – Parish | £165.00 |
| Greenworks | Mowing – September 2024 (x2) | £1918.97 |

All payments above were **agreed**.

b) To approve the Financial Report.

The September 2024 bank statements and Scribe Cashbook were **approved**.

5. Planning:

a) For Approval:

i. W/24/01583/LB Sovereign Cottage, Back Lane, Bredon, GL20 7LH

Replacement of 19 No. windows.

No objection.

- ii. W/24/01815/FUL The Croft, 1 The Dell, Bredon, GL20 7QP
Proposed development of two dwellings with associated garaging and parking drainage and access (Variation of condition 2 Ref. W/22/01214/FUL).
No objection, subject to the Conservation Officer raising no objection.
- iii. W/24/01870/LB Tudor Cottage, Manor Lane, Bredon's Norton, GL20 7HB
External flue extension and additional air vent (retrospective).
No objection, subject to the Conservation Officer raising no objection.
- iv. W/24/01882/LB True Blue Farm, Lower Lane, Kinsham, GL20 8HT
Removal of the existing 1960/70's staircases and reinstatement of new oak stair in original position to allow (reinstate) safe access to the attic level.
No objection, subject to the Conservation Officer raising no objection.
- v. W/24/01972/FUL True Blue Farm, Lower Lane, Kinsham, GL20 8HT
Conversion of barn to dwelling as approved under planning reference W/15/02945/PN - variation of condition 2 (approved plans) for the variation to the internal layout and the addition of conservation style roof lights.
No objection, subject to the Conservation Officer raising no objection.

The above comments were **agreed**.

b) Appeal:

- i. W/24/00105/HP 10 Vallenders Road, Bredon, GL20 7HL.

No response was agreed.

(Note: Cllr Bradley left the room for this item and Cllr Sly chaired the meeting and Cllr Falvey abstained).

c) Approved:

- i. W/24/00986/HP Mulberry Cottage, Back Lane, Bredon, L20 7LH
- ii. W/24/01068/HP 47 Hill Close, Westmancote, Bredon, GL20 7EW
- iii. W/24/01409/HP 7 Pippins Road, Bredon, GL20 7NJ
- iv. W/23/01952/FUL Manor Farm Bungalow, Farm Lane, Westmancote, GL20 7ES
(Appeal Ref: APP/H1840/W/24/3342074).

d) SWDP Review:

Cllrs Hardman and Bradley met with Ian Macleod, Director of Planning & Infrastructure at Wychavon. The Council have written to Ian Macleod requesting a copy of the letter from Wychavon to Tewkesbury Borough Council regarding the duty to cooperate. The Natural England Position Statement relating to the Curlew has been received.

e) Tewkesbury Garden Town (TGT) Update:

The Joint Oversight & Assessment Board meets on 5th November 2024. Consultation events are open to the public in Tewkesbury and Northway during October. The Transport and Organisations Working Group are to meet before the end of October to assess Options 1, 2 & 3 of the plans for a new M5 Junction 9a and a re-routing of the existing A46 around Ashchurch to Teddington Hands roundabout. A draft letter to be sent to the leader of Tewkesbury Borough Council will be considered. The parish council is concerned that Option B will encourage rat-running through the Bredon Hill villages, and favours Option A.

f) Other Planning Matters:

There is no update for Long Furlong.

The presentation made by Ian Macleod, Director of Planning & Infrastructure at Wychavon, to Wychavon CALC was circulated to Council members.

6. BCPR Update.

A sample of the bark proposed for the Climbing Frame was inspected and deemed appropriate. A meeting of Councillors, who met with BCPR on 29th July 2024, is to be convened to discuss the management and oversight of the work and other matters arising. Clerk to write to BCPR thanking them for their kind donation of £7,000 (excluding VAT) to cover the works.

7. Grass Cutting Mowing Areas.

Cllr Shiels proposed a reduction to the areas to be mowed in Cheltenham Road around True Blue Cottage. Cllr Sly will contact Greenworks to discuss the implications relating to the contract.

8. Portrait of King Charles III.

It was **agreed** to locate the portrait, which had been supplied free-of-charge to Town and Parish Councils, in the reception area of the Village Hall.

9. Progress Reports and Updates.

a) County and District Councillor:

- The hours of Worcestershire County Council staff at County Hall are being reduced from 37.5hrs to 35hrs.
- A request for a crossing next to Bredon Pottery has been received by County Highways, although the location would be unsuitable.
- Complaints of recent local flooding in the village have been referred to County Highways.

b) Police and Defibrillator Report:

- Portable Defibrillators are now available and may be suitable for local clubs and organisations.
- The Bredon Parish policing area now comes under the management of Evesham Neighbourhood Team. Bredon's local Neighbourhood Officers are PC Alex Prentice and PC Ben Trowman. They will have PCSO Luke Harris to assist them.
- Clerk to write to the Police and Crime Commissionaire to state the new realignment of support from Pershore to Evesham leaves Bredon vulnerable due to the area covered from Evesham and the travel distances.
- Cllr Falvey will respond to the request from the police for *Parish Priorities* for the Neighbourhood Police Team.

c) Technology & Media Working Group:

- Notes of the meeting on 5th September 2024 were circulated to Councillors, providing updates on Laptops, Parish Council & Village Hall websites, Parish Magazine and Social Media.

d) Transport & Organisations Working Group:

- Parking problems around the Playing Field at weekend sports events were discussed and the new Neighbourhood Police Team have been appraised.
- M5 Junction 9 and the A46 Transport Consultation was discussed under Item 5 e) above.
- Cllr Sly felt the Elan City Speed Radar Warranty cost to cover all 6 units did not represent value for money. It was **agreed** not to extend warranty and purchase newer technology when the need arises.

10. Correspondence, Progress Reports and Updates for Information.

The Clerk circulated the following correspondence for consideration by the Council:

- The estimate from Chris Washbourne to Repair Dock Steps was **agreed**.
- Dates for SafeAvon, to provide a presentation to Warm Welcome, to be provided by Clerk.
- A request from Lyndsay Nicholas, for a Memorial Bench at Bredon Playing Field to be sited adjacent to the former garage wall, was **agreed**.
- A request from Megan Harwood-Baynes for a subsidised Village Hall Booking in December 2024 was **agreed**. The council will donate 50% of the full booking fee to St Richards Hospital.
- A Worcestershire Round Robin Bus is currently being trialled in Bromsgrove and Malvern.
- A Glebe Field Burial Extension Response was received from Peter Whitehead.
- A Wychavon Polling Places and Polling Districts Review was distributed.
- Details of the footpath closure in Malthouse Lane and footpath diversion from Back Lane to Dock Lane were circulated.
- The request from the Executors of Vanda Smith's Last Will and Testament, to update the plaque on the Moreton Brook Bridge, is now unlikely to proceed.
- A request to sell 'pop-up' Lavida Coffee from the Car Parks, would require a Traders Licence.

11. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda:

- Cllr Brooks asked that the Lengthsman inspect the 2 benches in Bredon's Norton to see if repairs were feasible.
- Cllr Falvey advised that required Village Hall repairs were required to the Velux Windows, Chandler Room lighting, stage light and the installation of an outside tap. These were **agreed**.
- Cllr Falvey had applied to Severn Trent on behalf of the Council for a grant of £2250 for Village Hall improvements. Village Hall drainage and Mobile Vet Service to be November Agenda items.
- Cllr Shiels advised the November 2024 Parish Magazine would include M5 Junction 9 Consultation, Warm Welcome Dates, New Safer Neighbourhood (Police) Team and Inconsiderate Parking.
- Cllr Rhodes asked that the Lengthsman monitored the problematic drainage in Westmancote.

12. Date of Next Meeting:

11th November 2024

Notes of Public Question Time:

Heather Johnson informed the Council of her plan to replace the garden fence which backs onto the alley, from Cheltenham Road to Pippins Road. This replacement on the boundary line will consist of concrete posts and gravel boards, complete with feathered edged panels, and an overall height of 6 feet 6 inches.

A Footpath Statement and Right of Way on the Worcestershire County website and the property deeds are being checked.

Peter Whitehead provided an update on Bredon PCC's progress on the Glebe Field Burial Ground Extension.